

10/561097

AP20 Rec'd 12/16/2005 1:16 DEC 2005  
 EXPRESS MAIL LABEL NO. EL 512312503 US

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

|                 |   |   |                                    |
|-----------------|---|---|------------------------------------|
| Applicant(s):   | Matthew BAKER <i>et al.</i>                         | ) |                                    |
|                 |   | ) |                                    |
| Application No. | National Stage of<br>PCT/EP2004/006887              | ) |                                    |
|                 |   | ) | Group Art Unit: Not Yet Assigned   |
| Filed:          | December 16, 2005                                   | ) |                                    |
|                 |   | ) |                                    |
| For:            | THROMBOPOIETIN PROTEINS WITH<br>IMPROVED PROPERTIES | ) | Attorney Docket No. <u>MER-141</u> |
|                 |   | ) |                                    |

TRANSMITTAL OF SEQUENCE LISTING  
 AND STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.824

Mail Stop PCT  
 Commissioner for Patents  
 P.O. Box 1450  
 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

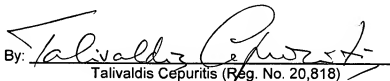
A paper copy of a sequence listing for the above-identified application is being transmitted herewith, along with a Computer Readable Form (CRF) on a 3.5 inch diskette in accordance with 37 CFR §1.824. I hereby state, to the best of my information and belief, that the sequence listing information in the Computer Readable Form is identical to the paper copy of the sequence listing also submitted herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: December 16, 2005

OLSON & HIERL, LTD.  
 20 North Wacker Drive  
 36th Floor  
 Chicago, Illinois 60606  
 (312) 580-1180

By:

  
 Talivaldis Cepuritis (Reg. No. 20,818)